

Preliminary Amendment

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REMARKS

The present amendment adds reference to the priority applications to the specification and further amends Claims 3, 5-8 and 10-11 to remove multiple dependencies from the claims. No new matter has been added.

Favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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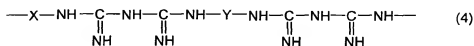
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APPENDIX: VERSION TO SHOWS CHANGES MADE TO APPLICATIONIn the Claims

The claims were amended as follows:

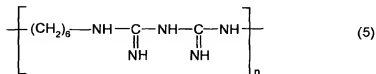
3. An air-filter as claimed in [either] claim 1 [or claim 2], wherein the polymeric biguanide is a mixture of linear polymeric biguanides having a recurring polymer chain represented by Formula (4):



wherein X and Y represent bridging groups in which together the total number of carbon atoms directly interposed between pairs of nitrogen atoms linked by X and Y is more than 9 and less than 17.

5. An air-filter as claimed in [either] claim 3 [or claim 4], wherein the polymeric biguanide is poly(hexamethylene biguanide) in which X and Y are both $\text{---(CH}_2\text{)}_6\text{---}$.

6. An air-filter as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 5] claim 1, wherein the polymeric biguanide is a mixture of polymers of the Formula (5):



wherein n is from 4 to 40.

7. An air-filter as claimed in [any one of claim 1 to 6] claim 1, wherein the polymeric biguanide is in the form of a hydrochloride salt.

8. An air-filter as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 7] claim 1, wherein the filter medium is made from a natural polymer or synthetic plastics material.

10. An air-filter as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 9] claim 1, wherein the amount of polymeric biguanide contained on the filter medium is from 0.0001% to 10% based on the weight of the filter medium.

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11. A air-filter according to [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1 further comprising an odour control agent.